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To establish a program to provide child care through public-private partnerships, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. REID, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. MURRAY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Child Care Public-
5 Private Partnership Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF BUSINESS INCENTIVE GRANT** 7 **PROGRAM.**

8 The Secretary shall establish a program to make
9 grants to—

10 (1) businesses and consortia—

1 (A) to pay start-up costs incurred to pro-
2 vide child care services needed by the employees
3 of such businesses; or

4 (B) to provide additional child care serv-
5 ices needed by the employees of such busi-
6 nesses, other than services provided prior to the
7 period for which the grant is made; and

8 (2) nonprofit business organizations to provide
9 technical information and assistance to enable busi-
10 nesses to provide child care services.

11 **SEC. 3. ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE GRANTS.**

12 To be eligible to receive a grant under section 2, a
13 business, nonprofit business organization, or consortium
14 shall submit an application to the Secretary in accordance
15 with section 4.

16 **SEC. 4. APPLICATION.**

17 In submitting an application referred to in section 3,
18 a business, nonprofit business organization, or consortium
19 shall submit the application at such time, in such form,
20 and containing such information as the Secretary may re-
21 quire by rule, except that such application shall contain—

22 (1) an assurance that the applicant shall make
23 available, with respect to the costs to be incurred by
24 the applicant in carrying out the activities for which
25 such grant is made, non-Federal contributions in an

1 amount equal to not less than \$2 for every \$1 of
2 Federal funds provided under the grant;

3 (2) an assurance that such applicant will ex-
4 pend such grant for the use specified in paragraph
5 (1) or (2) of section 2, as the case may be;

6 (3) an assurance that such applicant will em-
7 ploy strategies to ensure that child care services pro-
8 vided by such applicant, or provided with the tech-
9 nical information and assistance made available by
10 such applicant, are provided at affordable rates, and
11 on an equitable basis, to low- and moderate-income
12 employees;

13 (4) an assurance that such applicant—

14 (A) in the case of a business or consor-
15 tium, will comply with all State and local licens-
16 ing requirements applicable to such business or
17 consortium concerning the provision of child
18 care services; or

19 (B) in the case of a nonprofit business or-
20 ganization, will employ procedures to ensure
21 that technical information and assistance pro-
22 vided under this Act by such business organiza-
23 tion will be provided only to businesses that
24 comply with the requirements described in sub-
25 paragraph (A); and

1 (5) in the case of a business or consortium, an
2 assurance that if the employees of such applicant do
3 not require all the child care services for which such
4 grant and the funds required by paragraph (1) are
5 to be expended by such applicant, the excess of such
6 child care services shall be made available to families
7 in the community in which such applicant is located.

8 **SEC. 5. SELECTION OF GRANTEES.**

9 For purposes of selecting applicants to receive grants
10 under this Act, the Secretary shall give priority to busi-
11 nesses that have fewer than 100 full-time employees. To
12 the extent practicable, the Secretary shall—

13 (1) make grants equitably under this Act to ap-
14 plicants located in all geographical regions of the
15 United States; and

16 (2) give priority to applicants for grants under
17 section 2(1).

18 **SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.**

19 As used in this Act:

20 (1) BUSINESS.—The term “business” means a
21 person engaged in commerce whose primary activity
22 is not providing child care services.

23 (2) CHILD CARE SERVICES.—The term “child
24 care services” means care for a child that is—

1 (A) provided on the site at which a parent
2 of such child is employed or at a site nearby in
3 the community; and

4 (B) subsidized at least in part by the busi-
5 ness that employs such parent.

6 (3) CONSORTIUM.—The term “consortium”
7 means—

8 (A) two or more businesses acting jointly;
9 or

10 (B) two or more businesses and a non-
11 profit private organization, acting jointly.

12 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
13 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

14 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

15 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
16 this Act \$25,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1994,
17 1995, 1996, and 1997.

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